

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 2, line 1, as follows:

B' --The connection sleeve 3 is made of some metal material such as ~~cupper~~ copper alloy in the form of a hollow cylinder that is affixed to the ferrule 2 with an adhesive. A flange 8 is affixed on an outer peripheral of the ferrule 2 adjacent a front end of the sleeve 3. The flange 8 is made of metal and has predetermined number of grooves (not shown) formed on an outer surface thereof. --